

## Virginia Land Conservation and Greenways Conference 2017

April 25 through April 27, 2017

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel and Conference Center

Williamsburg, VA

### CALL FOR SESSION PRESENTATIONS

**All Proposals Due: Monday, November 21, 2016**

#### **Theme: *Creating Collaboration***

Virginia's United Land Trusts and the Statewide Trails Advisory Committee are pleased to invite you to be a part of the 2017 Virginia Land Conservation and Greenways Conference. The three-day conference (Tuesday through Thursday) will provide field trips, educational sessions, and opportunities to network with your colleagues, including:

- Nonprofit staff, board members, and volunteers
- Local and regional-government planners, parks, recreation, tourism and PDR staff
- Federal and state agency staff
- Accountants
- Appraisers
- Attorneys
- Realtors
- Related vendors (landscape architects, environmental engineers, surveyors)
- Others interested in land conservation and greenways in Virginia

Our plan is to have four tracks of concurrent sessions on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup>, with two tracks for land conservation topics, one track for greenways topics, and a fourth track for topics that combine both land conservation and greenways.

Session formats are 90 minutes, though a two-session block is possible for complex topics. Shorter presentations (30 – 45 minutes) can be combined into a longer session. Depending on the quantity and quality of proposals, we will have up to twenty sessions total.

Please use the form on the third page of this document for your proposal.

#### **Designing Your Session Proposal**

- ☐ Identify learning objectives for the presentation. What will participants learn from this session?
- ☐ Determine the format of your session, e.g., a roundtable discussion or a lecture. Interactive formats with plenty of opportunity for questions and dialogue from participants are encouraged, as are presentations of specific case studies.
- ☐ Target a specific audience. The experience and skills of participants vary tremendously from new volunteer board members to nonprofit and government staff with years of experience.
- ☐ Please indicate the maximum number of participants your session can handle.
- ☐ Indicate which area of the conservation field your proposal addresses. For example, partnership and collaboration, legal issues, fundraising, stewardship, community engagement, etc.

For panel discussions or multiple presenters, please identify a session coordinator who will be the point of contact for communicating all necessary information to all other speakers involved with your session.

Submit proposal form by 5 p.m. on **Monday, November 21, 2016**. Handouts must be provided by the speaker in adequate quantities at the time of the session. Written materials for Continuing Legal Education sessions must be provided at least six weeks in advance.

*Please note:* neither honoraria nor travel expenses will be paid to session presenters or coordinators. All presenters are expected to register and pay the conference registration fee.

## Submittal Instructions

For inclusion in the review process, your proposal **MUST** include the following information:

- ❑ Title for your session.
- ❑ Contact information including name, organization, phone number, and email address for speakers.
- ❑ Clear, concise description of the proposed session for use in the conference program and continuing education applications (one paragraph/75 word maximum).
  - Provide an outline of the proposed session including time allocations. Identify whether the session will be a workshop with lectures or a roundtable panel discussion.
  - Describe lessons that participants will take away from the session.
- ❑ If your session is chosen, a brief (one-paragraph/50 word maximum) biography of the presenter and/or each co-presenter(s) will be required for use in the conference program and continuing education applications.
- ❑ To obtain Continuing Legal Education credits, a full outline of the legal topics to be presented is required at least six weeks in advance.

## Possible Session Topics for either land conservation or greenways

- Legal problems and solutions (*e.g.*, easement amendments)
- Creative financing
- Creating and managing public access on private lands
- Regional efforts – working together at the landscape scale
- Economic impacts and ecological benefits
- Stewardship of conservation easements
- Engaging youth to create future stewards
- Technology
- Effective organizational structures for land management
- Resource protection for places that are loved too much
- Adding value to agricultural lands
- Any other topic you know will be useful and interesting.

## Session Selection Criteria

The Conference Program Committee will review and select session proposals using the following set of criteria:

- Relevance of the topic to conservation and recreation professionals
- Credentials and speaking skills of the presenter(s) involved
- Clarity of learning objectives
- Overall balance of program topics and skill level
- Ability for the audience to interact

PC laptop computers and projectors will be provided in the session rooms. PowerPoint presentations must be loaded using a USB-drive stick. Presenter will be required to provide equipment for Mac-based presentations.

All proposals are due by close of business on **Monday, November 21, 2016**. Use the proposal form to submit proposals in Word format attached to an e-mail with the subject line “Land Conservation and Greenways Conference 2017 Session Proposal” to [sarah.richardson@dcv.virginia.gov](mailto:sarah.richardson@dcv.virginia.gov).

The Program Committee will contact you by the end of January to notify you whether or not your proposal has been selected. Please note that the conference committee may request a session proposal be modified, renamed, or reconfigured.

Questions? Please contact Sarah Richardson, (804) 225-2048.

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### Session Proposal

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[sarah.richardson@dc.virginia.gov](mailto:sarah.richardson@dc.virginia.gov)

1. **Session title:**

2. **Presenter(s):**

For a session with multiple presenters, who will be the point of contact?

Name:

Organization:

Phone:

Email:

3. **Session format:** \_\_\_\_\_ Classroom lecture \_\_\_\_\_ Roundtable discussion \_\_\_\_\_ Other

If "Other" please describe:

4. **Length of session:** \_\_\_\_\_ 30-45 minutes \_\_\_\_\_ 90 minutes \_\_\_\_\_ 180 minutes

5. **Appropriate audience:** \_\_\_\_\_ Beginners \_\_\_\_\_ Experienced \_\_\_\_\_ All

6. **Maximum number of participants (if necessary):** \_\_\_\_\_

7. **Will the session be eligible for continuing education credits?** \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, identify what kind.

8. **General topic area:** (e.g., financing, legal issues, education and outreach)

9. **Description of the session:** (75-word maximum)

10. **Learning objectives for the session:**